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Following is a Response to Office Action mailed April 17, 2007 (7 sheets) and a Petition for Extension of Time (1 sheet) for the above-referenced patent application.

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Filed: February 27, 2006

Serial No.: 10/569,560

Title: Slurry Tolerant Pilot Operated

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 17, 2007

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the following considerations.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.